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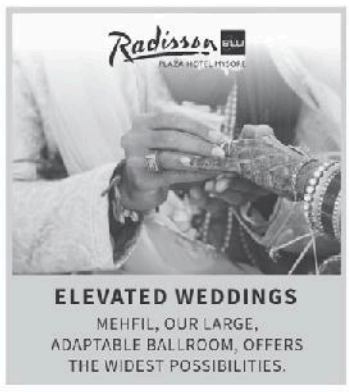


Literature infected by viruses of casteism, communalism

Capt. G. R. Gopinath addressing the gathering in city this morning.

Capt. G.R. Gopinath inaugurates Mysuru Literary Fest - 2023

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (BS)- Soldier, farmer, columnist, author and entrepreneur Capt. G.R. Gopinath opined that literature today is infected with the viruses of communalism and casteism. "Moreover, literature is getting divided and if it does not unite, it cannot be called a great literature," he said. Gopinath delivered the inaugural address after opening the Fourth Edition of Mysuru Literary Fest - 2023 organised by Mysore Literary Association at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in the city this morning.

Drawing an analogy between literature of yore and the current, Gopinath delved into the undertone of the literary works produced by the greats like Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, D.V. Gundappa, K.V. Puttappa popularly known as Kuvempu among several others, which echoed humanity above all.

(See LITERARY FEST on page 7)

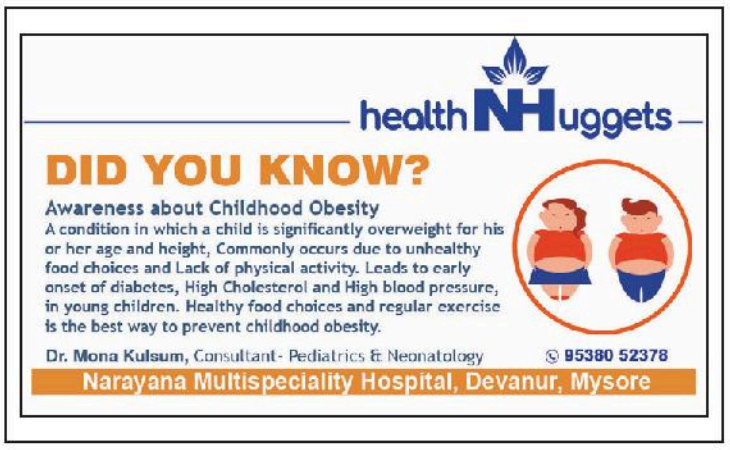
Leopard kills boy in T. Narasipur village

Fourth death since Oct. 2022; irate villagers block highway

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (Kumar& BCT)- Close on the heels of a leopard killing an elderly woman at Kannayakanahalli in T. Narasipur on Friday, a 11-year-old boy fell victim to a leopard last night at Horalahalli in T. Narasipur.

The half-eaten body of Jayanth was found this morning around one kilometre from where he was attacked by the feline. The boy had gone out of his house to fetch biscuits from a shop nearby. Soon after the body was discovered, irate villagers resorted to a flash protest against Forest Department for their alleged inaction in controlling the leopard menace.

(See LEOPARD on page 6)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Awareness about Childhood Obesity
A condition in which a child is significantly overweight for his or her age and height, Commonly occurs due to unhealthy food choices and Lack of physical activity. Leads to early onset of diabetes, High Cholesterol and High blood pressure, in young children. Healthy food choices and regular exercise is the best way to prevent childhood obesity.
Dr. Mona Kulsum, Consultant- Pediatrics & Neonatology
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Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Devanur, Mysore

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 22nd January 2023

Office-bearers of Chandanbala Mahila Mandal, Mysuru

Maina Bai *Indra Bai* *Vimala Bai* *Kamla Bai* *Kiran Bai*

Mysuru, Jan. 22- The Annual General Body Meeting of Chandanbala Mahila Mandal, Mysuru, was held recently at Sri Sthank Bhawan in Mahaveernagar and the following members were unanimously elected as office-bearers of the Mandal for the year 2023-24: Maina Bai Baghmar - President, Indra Bai Darla - Vice-President, Vimala Bai Desarla - Secretary, Kamla Bai Kothari - Joint Secretary and Kiran Bai Kothari - Treasurer.

Rajula Bahu Mandal team

Rajula Bahu Mandal President Manju Makhana, after completion of her tenure, selected a new team for the term 2023-2024: Kanchanbai Choudhary - President, Sarita Bai Dhoka - Vice-President, Meenu Modi - Secretary, Urmila Khivasara - Joint Secretary and Rajeshwari Bai Gandhi - Treasurer.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is fascinating to learn about the history of women's rights in India, a country revered as 'Bharat Mata' by its people. While the term itself symbolises the place of women in the country, the reality is quite different, particularly in pre-independent India, when women rarely had a say in public life. When colonialism and nationalism were at their peaks, social reform related to caste and gender came under the scanner, and reforms were ushered in.

While reading history, I came across a fascinating fact about how women's rights have evolved in India. It was not a woman but a man, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, who kindled the women's rights movement by eradicating the evil of sati. This was just the beginning; a watershed moment was the adoption of India's Constitution in 1950, which guarantees equal rights to both men and women. However, the reforms done to protect women's rights, though admirable, are insufficient to eradicate many societal evils that still persist.

"Gender parity is not just beneficial for women; it is good for society," said Angelica Fuentes, President of the Angelica Fuentes Foundation. To make gender parity a reality, the legislature and courts should take action to safeguard tribal women from gender discrimination. In cases involving women's rights, the judiciary should follow the general principles contained therein, being consistent with justice, equity, fairness and a good conscience. The Central Government should withdraw exemptions provided under the Hindu Succession Act in respect of Scheduled Tribes to ensure compliance with rights to equality and a life of dignity guaranteed under the Indian Constitution. With a little help from the courts and legislature, India would be a model for other countries in achieving gender equality in their societies. *—Sahil Agrawal in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

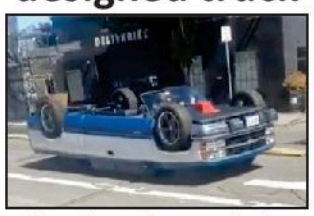
Trees follow social distance

New Delhi: While the year 2020 taught us a lot about 'social distancing', plants too have been keeping their distance from one another but were doing so long before we started. The phenomenon is known as 'crown shyness' wherein the crowns of trees do not touch each other, forming gaps, which help trees share resources and stay healthy, according to a report by National Geographic.

Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer Ramesh Pandey has shared a video on his official Twitter handle showing trees performing social distancing.

Along with the video, the caption reads, "Canopy of trees specially of same species don't touch each other. It's a kind of social distancing, called crown shyness." Video has amassed over 31,000 views on Twitter.

Upside-down designed truck



America: Car enthusiasts can be found everywhere in the world. Car hobbyists can be found wrenching in garages lovingly washing their vehicles. Many of them also like to customise their cars. One such incident of car customisation is now viral on the internet. But there is a unique twist to this. The car has an upside-down appearance.

The video was shared by Lance on Twitter. The video begins with a man exiting a four-way intersection in a truck that appears to have flipped upside down. The vehicle has four real tyres on top, two in front and two in back. It even has door handles, windows and a hood, all designed to make it appear as if the man was driving an upside-down truck.

The front dashboard and the rear of the vehicle are also upside down. The front headlights are below the number plate, and the company name is also upside-down, with the registration number plate above it. Since being shared, the seven second clip has amassed over seven million views and 1.6 lakh likes.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the type of kidney stones?

Calcium oxalate stones, uric acid stones, cystine stones (common in children) and magnesium ammonium phosphate stones (occurs in infected urine).

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Bird Census at BRT Tiger Reserve from Jan. 26

282 bird species identified so far

Chamarajanagar, Jan. 22 (SSM)- The Bird Census (survey) at Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve will be conducted by the Forest Department from Jan. 26 to 29.

The Forest Department is conducting the census in association with Eco Volunteers Group of India this year after a gap of 11 years. So far, 282 species of birds are identified at BRT Range.

In 1939, Ornithologist and Naturalist Dr. Salim Ali had identified more than 100 birds in the forest. Besides, as many as 274 bird species were identified in the forest till 2011. However, the Bird Survey conducted in the year 2012, identified eight new species of birds, with 282 varieties of birds identified till date at the BRT Range.

Census in winter season

The Bird Survey is usually conducted in the winter season because it is the time the birds reproduce and build nests. Birds visit their nests often and will be with its family most of the time. This makes the census easy and can get accurate numbers.

In January 2021, a Birds Festival was conducted and various activities including bird-watching, seminars, identification of species were held along with an attempt to create awareness on the importance of protecting BRT Forest.

Survey for new species

Speaking to *SOM*, Conservator of Forests, BRT Range and Tiger Project Director, Deep J. Contractor, said that the Bird Survey is being conducted from Jan. 26 to 29 to find if there are any new species.

"The registration for volunteers to the survey is under progress and there is a good response. We are planning to provide opportunities for 50 to 70 volunteers, who will be grouped and will travel on pre-determined routes and record the birds. The list of birds already identified will be provided to them. If new species are identified, they will record the details," she added.

"On the first day, eligible bird-watchers will be selected. On the second day of the survey, volunteers will be designated to the routes they have to cover and on the last two days (Jan. 28 and 29), the actual survey will take place. The volunteers will be accompanied by Department personnel to ensure their safety. Birds will be identified based on the sounds they make, nests they build etc., and will be watched keenly using the binoculars," Deep Contractor said.

REALLY...?

- *Hippos are large semi-aquatic mammals, with a large barrel-shaped body, short legs, a short tail and an enormous head! They have greyish to muddy-brown skin, which fades to a pale pink colour underneath.*
- *They are considered the second largest land animal on Earth (first place goes to the elephant!). Males measure around 3.5m long and 1.5m tall, and can weigh up 3,200kg. That's as much as three small cars!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *"Where is your Homework ?"*
Student: *"I made the paper into a paper plane, then somebody highjacked it!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 80.98
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.32
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.05
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.08

VOICE OF THE READER

Operation of multiple trains from Mysuru Station needs better planning

Sir,

Recently I travelled in Chennai Express train which departs Mysuru Railway Station at 9 pm from Platform No. 4. The Chamundi Express train arrives on Platform 5 at the same time.

The stairs connecting platforms 4 and 5 are very narrow and leads to crowding at times. Though there were other platforms without any trains to depart at the same time, both the trains (Chennai Express and Chamundi Express) were stationed in the common platform.

The Platform 6 had an idle train parked, which would have helped to mitigate this problem and also help elderly and people with kids to easily board the train, along with reducing the crowd. Or else, this might lead to Mumbai like incident due to stampede.

Now, with total six platforms in Mysuru Railway Station, a gap of at least 30 minutes should be given between the trains which have a common platform to board / de-board as the number of trains are also less compared to Bengaluru. As far as possible, the long distance departing train should take Platforms 1 and 6.

The width of stairs connecting skywalk on Platforms 4/5 should be increased by 2 to 3 foot more.

—Vasanth
Mysuru
2.1.2023

City's traffic system a core indicator: Police Commissioner

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (GA&BS)- City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh has said 'If one wants to learn about any city, the prevailing traffic system is the core indicator.'

The Police Commissioner addressed the gathering after flagging off a bike rally organised as part of Road Safety Week, by the City Police in association with ASG Eye Hospital, from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Palace North Gate in city on Friday.

"Mysuru city is popular across the globe and most number of tourists visit this city. Hence, it is important to follow traffic rules here," opined Ramesh.

Before visiting any city, there is a tendency among people to study about its traffic. Hence, traffic becomes the indicator of the city. Though people are aware about traffic rules, it is their mindset of not inviting any trouble, even without wearing helmet and seat belt and under the influence of liquor, that they are losing lives. In the last year alone, 170 people have lost their lives. Hence, everybody should follow traffic rules, said the city Top Cop.

"The life of every public is important to us and hence, we are working for the safety of people. Our intention is not to collect fine from offenders. If people voluntarily follow the rules, the whole city will turn safer. You should join hands with us in this regard," appealed the Police Commissioner.

The Bike Rally passed through Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Gun House Circle, Sanskrit Patashala Junction, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Crawford Hall, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Hotel Metropole Junction), Railway Station Circle, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Irwin Road and Ashoka Road before culminating at the launch point.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) M. S. Geetha Prasanna, ACPs M.N. Shashidhar, Shivashankar and Parameshwarappa, Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Dr. Pavan Joshi, Dr. Vini Badalani and Centre Manager Vijayan Francis of ASG Hospital, all Traffic Police Personnel and NSS volunteers of Seshadripuram College were present on the occasion.

Vishnu Memorial inauguration: Fans to take out procession on Jan. 29

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (MTY&DM)- With Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai scheduled to inaugurate Vishnu Memorial in honour of the late actor Dr. Vishnuvardhan at Haalalu near Udbur Gate on H.D. Kote Road on Jan. 29, the late actor's fans have decided to take out a huge procession on that day in the city.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Friday, Vishnu Sena Samithi General Secretary Shivakumar said that though the Government has decided to inaugurate the Memorial on Jan. 29, the Samithi is yet to get an official communiqué in this regard. The Samithi will make preparations for *Anna Dasoha* (mass feeding) on that day if it gets official confirmation of the inauguration, he noted.

Continuing, Shivakumar said that a massive procession, accompanied by a host of folk and cultural troupes, will be taken out in the city on Jan. 29 prior to the inauguration as a mark of respect to Dr. Vishnuvardhan, in which thousands of fans are expected to take part.

It has also been planned to organise *Anna Dasoha* for about 20,000 people on that day, he said adding that giant cut-outs of the late actor will dot Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Samithi office-bearers Lohit Gowda, Kumar, Ramesh, Harish, Darshan and Mahesh were present at the press meet.

CM bills next 10 years as 'Decade of Irrigation'

Bengaluru, Jan. 22 (KMS&BS)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has asserted that next 10 years will be declared as 'Decade of Irrigation' when more emphasis will be laid on irrigation projects.

He was speaking at the Convention organised in the outskirts of Kodekal in Yadgir district, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi kick-started various development works taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,863 crore, on Thursday.

"A target had been set to bring 40.66 lakh hectares of land under irrigation and 30 lakh hectares of land is covered and plans are afoot to bring remaining 10 lakh hectares under irrigation," the CM said. By incorporating Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) technology, all the lands in Command Area will be provided water. With the expansion of Narayanapura Left Bank Canal, restoration and modernisation works, the lands of farmers in all Command Areas will get water, assured Bommai.

With SCADA technology, one lakh hectares of the total 4.50 lakh hectares of land in the tail-end at drought-hit districts in North Karnataka — Vijayapura, Kalaburagi and Yadgir — will be getting equal share of water. Moreover, the technology will firm up utilisation of water by 20 percent. It is one of the biggest projects in Asia, that will be continued to be implemented in Karnataka in the coming years too, the CM said.

Government finds 10,500 excess teachers as student strength falls

Bengaluru, Jan. 22 (BS)- The Education Department has listed 10,500 teachers of Government Schools with less students as 'Excess,' as the transfer process of teachers is on, in compliance with the new Teacher Transfer Policy.

The Government has fixed the ratio of one teacher for 40 students from Class 1 to 5 and for 35 students from Class 6 to 8.

The teachers are working at various schools in accordance with the ratio. With the students strength at Government Schools dwindling every year, the Government has been preparing the list of excess teachers once in every two years and transferring the teachers to required places.

Now, 10,500 excess teachers are listed and have been shown the place even before they are transferred. The vacant posts will be filled during general transfer through counselling.

As many as 1.53 lakh teachers are working at primary schools and seven percent (10,500) of the teachers are liable for transfer as per the Transfer Policy. They are also considered under 'excess teachers'.

The Physical Education (PE) teachers are posted at Higher Primary Schools where there are more than 200 students. There is no provision to appoint PE teachers in schools with student strength below 200. The PE teachers will also be considered as 'excess' if the student strength falls below the said numbers, at the schools where they are posted currently.

In his letter to the Commissioner of Education Department R. Vishal, the Chairman of Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti has stated that "the decision of not posting PE teachers to schools with student strength below 200 itself is unscientific. If the student strength is 199, should they be deprived of physical education? It is against the Government's call which says 'no children should be deprived of education'. The education system is going towards peril and hence, there should be a restraint on the transfer of excess teachers."

Pre-paid autorickshaw counter reopens near Infosys

Sudheer Ramanath, Facility Head at Infosys, Mysuru, inaugurated the pre-paid autorickshaw counter near Infosys, which was closed since three years. The pre-paid counter was inaugurated recently in the presence of Security Head Antharaj, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar, Sub-Inspectors Nagaraj, Sridhar and others.

NEWS BRIEFS

Special lecture

Dr. Kavitha Kusugal, Associate Professor, DoS in English, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, will deliver a special lecture on 'Kuvempu and Wordsworth: A comparative Analysis' at a programme organised by Literary Club of the Department of Studies in English, University of Mysore (UoM), at Senior M.A. Hall of the Department of English, UoM, Manasagangothri, at 11.30 am tomorrow. Prof. Muzaffar Assadi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, UoM, will preside.

Workshop

City's Nrupatunga Kannada School has organised a two-day workshop for Kannada Medium SSLC students on 'How to face exams' at the School premises in E & F Block, Ramakrishnanagar on Jan. 23 and 24. South Zone BEO R. Ramaradhya will inaugurate the seminar at 11am on Jan. 23. Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will preside. Resource persons B.R. Vani of Government High school, Kukkarahalli, B.C. Sudeesh of Karnataka Public School, Mysuru, Nazma Tabassum of Karnataka Public School and Vadiraja Prasad of Taralabalu High School, Mysuru, will address the students.

Asthma screening

Suyog Hospital, has organised a free Asthma screening camp at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar from Jan. 23 to Jan. 28 between 10 am and 2 pm. Asthma, allergy, respiratory problems, cough and TB screening will be conducted. 50 percent discount is offered on all allergy tests. For details, call Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	115.97	feet
Friday	:	116.36	feet
Inflow	:	763	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,097	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,272.17	feet
Inflow	:	262	cusecs
Outflow	:	500	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,828.77	feet
Inflow	:	101	cusecs
Outflow	:	70	cusecs

'Prajadhwani Yatra' to enter city on Jan. 26: Siddu chairs meeting with ticket aspirants

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (MK&DM)- Congress Party's Statewide 'Prajadhwani Yatra,' which was launched earlier this month in the run-up to the Assembly polls, will arrive in city on Jan. 26.

Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who held a meeting with the party's Assembly poll ticket aspirants from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts at his residence in Ramakrishnanagar here on Friday, said that 'Prajadhwani Yatra' will arrive at J.K. Grounds on Jan. 26, during which a 'charge-sheet' against the BJP Government's misdeeds will be released.

Asserting that the BJP will be voted out and the Congress will return to power with a thumping majority in the Assembly polls which are round the corner, Siddharamaiah said that the BJP's *Jan Sankalp* rallies and the JD(S) party's *Pancharatna Yatra* would prove to be a futile exercise as the Congress was sure of victory.

Calling upon Congress workers to be active all the time as it is a crucial period for the Assembly polls, which may be held either in the last week of April or the first week of May, he termed this crucial period as 'war time' for the party workers.

Pointing out that *Prajadhwani Yatra* has thus far covered eight districts, Siddharamaiah said that the *Yatra* will enter Mysuru from Chamarajanagar on the evening of Jan. 26 and the party workers should galvanise party cadres and ensure the participation of at least 50,000 people at the public rally in J.K. Grounds.

Asking all party Legislators and ticket aspirants to make all preparations for the total success of the *Yatra* in his home district of Mysuru, Siddharamaiah directed City Congress President R. Murthy to assign tasks to ticket aspirants of the city Assembly Constituencies.

Siddharamaiah also told the party workers to highlight the poll promises of the Congress party which chiefly included 200 units of free electricity to every home, Rs. 2,000 per month financial assistance for woman family head of each household, 10 kg of free rice as ration etc.

City Congress President R. Murthy, who also spoke, took strong exception to the district administration's bias against the Congress. Alleging that the authorities were removing banners and buntings of the Congress just after a day, while that of the ruling BJP were allowed for over three days, he said that the authorities must be impartial and work with fairness. Taking note of the matter, Siddharamaiah said that he would speak to the MCC Commissioner in this regard.

KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Legislators Tanveer Sait, Anil Chikkamadu, Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Madhu G. Madegowda, former MLAs K. Venkatesh, M.K. Somashekar and Kalale Keshavamurthy, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, leaders K. Harish Gowda, Pradeep Kumar, C. Mahadev and others were present.

Construction Workers Association seeks support of Labour Department

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (SBD&DM)- The Karnataka State Construction Workers Central Association, which held its quarterly meeting at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Friday, urged the Labour Department to extend its co-operation for the Association's activities and welfare measures.

The meeting discussed non-co-operation of Labour Department staff in getting Governmental benefits and other issues. It also deliberated on sensitising construction workers on various schemes and programmes of State and Union Governments meant for construction workers. The meeting resolved to meet the State Labour Commissioner for appropriate redressal of all issues concerning construction and other allied workers.

Association General Secretary Shivakumar read out the purpose, objectives and activities of the Association. The meeting was chaired by Association President P. Raju.

Association office-bearers Venugopal, Kantharaju, Lokesh Kumar, Veerendra, Rehman Khan, Antony Johnson, Nagaraj, Siddappa, Puttamadaiah, Hoovaiah, Suresh Bhagya, Suvarnamma, Vasantha, Anjaneya, Parashuram, Mylarappa, Chandrashekar, Ramappa and others were present.

Congress releases 'BJP Nija Kanasugalu' brochure

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (RKB&DM)- In a retaliation to the BJP's 'Siddu Nija Kanasugalu' book, the Congress on Friday released 'BJP Nija Kanasugalu' (BJP's Real Dreams) brochure on the alleged maladministration and misdeeds of BJP Government in the State.

Releasing the brochure at Congress Bhavan near City Railway Station here on Friday, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana said that the brochure highlights the BJP Government's corruption, scams, misrule, divisive politics, non-performance etc.

Charging the BJP Government of being a 40 percent Commission Government, he said that the Government has made the lives of people miserable.

Contending that massive corruption is going on in Government appointments, Lakshmana said that the State is reeling under unemployment and under-employment with lakhs of youths losing jobs due to closure of industries and companies.

Charging the BJP Government of failing to ensure safety of women and children, he said that the State capital has now turned into a crime city, with the number of victims increasing by the day. Alleging that more than a hundred people have lost their lives due to potholes and poor condition of roads, he said that missing women cases and violence/ atrocities on women and children are increasing alarmingly.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

AIRLINES TAKES OFF LEAVING 54 PASSENGERS STRANDED ON TARMAC
PASSENGER URINATES ON COFLYER DURING FLIGHT – PEEGATE
No.. not PLIGHT !!
It is FLIGHT !!!
JAN'23

Farmers must explore export opportunities: Union Minister

Shobha Karandlaje inaugurates seminar at Suttur

Nanjangud, Jan. 22 (BS)- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje has given a clarion call to farmers to explore the possibilities of starting micro industries by utilising 50 percent subsidy given by the Centre to start micro industries. The farmers should open millet processing units and export the products to foreign countries.

She was addressing the gathering after inaugurating a Seminar on 'Agriculture,' organised as part of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogigala Jatra Mahotsava, at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

"India has contributed best practices like Yoga and Ayurveda to the world. By announcing the year 2023 as International Year of Millets, a step has been taken towards gifting millets to the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has aided farmers by expanding the size of agriculture budget which was restricted to Rs. 23,000 crore from the last 75 years to Rs. 1.32 lakh crore. Under Krishi Vikasa Yojane, Rs. 1.2 crore has been set aside for the processing of agricultural produces and development of production units. The funds are earmarked for setting up cold storage units at every districts to store every agricultural produces and laboratories," said Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje.

The other countries in the world are ready to buy quality seeds, millets and millet based products. The small farmers should come together and set up production centres and export the products. The farmers can also export their products through Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and should make use of the opportunity, said Shobha Karandlaje.

MLA G. T. Devegowda, Managing Director of Artha 360 Eco Ventures M.N. Dinesh Kumar, progressive farmer Honnur Prakash and senior journalist H.R. Ranganath also spoke on the occasion.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, HiriyurAdi Jambava Peetha's Sri Shadaksharamuni Deshikendra Swamiji and Kaginele Gurupeetha's Sri Niranjanandapuri Swamiji graced the occasion.

Vachanas vital for building a better society: Mayor

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (DM)- Maintaining that Ambigara Chowdaiah and Vemana were very thoughtful Vachanakaras, Mayor Shivakumar opined that Vachanas are crucial for building a better society.

He was speaking after inaugurating Nija Sharana Sri Ambigara Chowdaiah and Mahayogi Vemana Jayanti celebrations organised jointly by the District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department at Kalamandira here yesterday.

Noting that the Vachanas of Ambigara Chowdaiah are very meaningful, Shivakumar said that caste and communities can get importance only if they stand together. As such, everyone should unite in taking forward the society in the right path, he said adding that a prominent road of the city will be named after Ambigara Chowdaiah.

The Mayor called upon the people to follow the messages spread by Ambigara Chowdaiah and Vemana, in their life.

Resource Person K.S. Ramprasad, in his address, explained the life & times and Vachanas scripted by the two great Vachanakaras.

Asserting that Ambigara Chowdaiah was the most prominent among Shivasharanas, he highlighted the struggles of the great Vachanakara for the cause of Backward Classes.

He also explained how Vemana, who led a disgustful life in Andhra Pradesh, later renounced everything and transformed himself into a very resourceful person by scripting great and meaningful Vachanas.

Ramprasad called upon the people to imbibe the values advocated by the two illustrious Shivasharanas.

Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Assistant Director Dr. Sudarshan and others were present.

SUTTUR JATRA EVENTS

TODAY [January 22]

Puja Utsava at Karthru Gadduge

6 pm: Maharudrabhisheka; **6.30 pm:** Veerabhadreshwara Temple (Gudda) - Sri Veerabhadreshwara Kondothsava; **7.30 pm:** Mahamangalarathi; **8.30 pm:** Rajopachara to Theppothsava Utsava Murthi; **9 pm:** Theppothsava - Fireworks display.

Valedictory of Desi Games and Cultural Fair

4.30 pm: Avadhootha Sri Vinay Guruji of Sri Datta Ashram, Gowrigadde and Jagadguru Dr. Mathe Gangadevi of Basava Dharma Peetha, Kudalasangama will grace the occasion; Former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy presides; Valedictory Address by Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers, New & Renewable Energy Bhagwanth Khuba; Distribution of Prizes - College Division by Water Resources Minister Govind M. Karjol, Public School Division by Horticulture Minister N. Munirathna, Desi Games by Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu B. Chauhan and School Division by KPCC Working President Eshwar Khandre; JD(S) State President C.M. Ibrahim, MLAs C.S. Puttaraju and S.R. Mahesh, Visthara News CEO & Chief Editor Hariprakash Konemane & Social Worker from USA Bharathi Anil Patil chief guests.

Cultural Events

At Gadduge — 8 am: Nadaswara; **9 am:** Devotional Music - Srikantha Bakale, Hubballi; **2 pm:** Folk Songs and Vachana Gayana - G. Amma Ramachandra, Devalapura, Saragur taluk; **3 pm:** Yoga Demonstration - Pathanjali Yogashikshana Samithi, Nanjangud; **7 pm:** Jalatharang - Vidu. Shashikala Dani, Hubballi; Bharatanatyam - R. Aishwarya, Bengaluru; **9 pm:** 'Janapadave Sathya, Janapadave Nithya' - Dr. K. Rameshwarappa and Troupe, Mysuru.

Dramas

At Exhibition Grounds premises — 7 pm: 'Sarthakate' - Legal Services' Awareness by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mysuru.

At Hiriyara Mane — 10 pm: 'Danashura Karna' or Kurukshetra' by Sri Devatha Saptha Kanyeyara Kannada Kalasangha, Suttur.

Sri Siddananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Satya Harischandra' by Sri Kapileshwara Farmer Self Help Group, Hosakote.

Next to Government Higher Primary School — 10 pm: "Daksha Yajna' by Sri Someshwara Kalasangha, Mudahalli.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Kurukshetra' - Sri Doddammathayi Krupaposhitha Nataka Mandali, Arakalgudu.

TOMORROW [January 23]

Puja Utsava at Karthru Gadduge

4 am: Maharudrabhisheka, Bhagyodaya Puja and Mahamangalarathi; **6.30 am:** Mallarajaiahnahundi - Friendship & Peace March; Shatsthala Dhwajarohana (Flag Hoisting) - Sri Sachidananda Swamiji of Sri Bandemutt, Kengeri; Dharma Sandesha (Message) - Sri Shivashankara Shivayogi Swamiji of Sri Karadigavi Mutt, Chikkamagalur district; **10.30 am:** Maharudrabhisheka to Utsava Murthi of Sri Adijagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Swamiji (Banks of Kapila River) & Astottarashatha Kumbhothsava; **11.45 am:** Anna Brahmotsava, Mahamangalarathi; **4 pm:** Maharudrabhisheka; **6.15 pm:** Utsava Murthi from Karthru Gadduge to Srimutt.

Valedictory of Agricultural Fair and Exhibition

10.30 am: Sri Siddalinga Mahaswamiji of Sri Siddaganga Mutt, Tumakuru and Sri Abhinava Gavisiddeshwara Mahaswamiji of Sri Gavisiddeshwara Mutt, Koppal, will grace the occasion; MP and former CM D.V. Sadananda Gowda presides; Valedictory Address by MP and BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel; Distribution of Prizes - Agricultural Fair by Mines, Geology, Women & Child Development Minister Achar Halappa Basappa, Education and Science by MLA, former Minister and KPCC Campaign Committee President M.B. Patil, Exhibition by MLA, former Minister and BJP National General Secretary C.T. Ravi; MLA and former Minister G.T. Devegowda, MLC and former Minister A.H. Vishwanath, MLA and former Minister Kumar Bangarappa, MLA Anilkumar Chikkamadu, MLA L. Nagendra and MLA and ETV (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana) Chief Producer Amirneni Harikrishna chief guests.

Cultural Events

At Gadduge — 7.30 am: Samskrutika Tirulu - Teams of JSS Educational Institutions which won in the Cultural Fair.

NOTE

BUS FACILITIES: KSRTC will be operate special buses to Suttur from various taluks & district headquarters. For details call Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud - Ph: 08221-232223 or 232320/ 23; JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru - Ph: 0821-2548212.

DAILY EVENTS: • Expo - 10 am to 9 pm; • Agricultural Fair - 10 am to 7.30 pm; • Health Screening Camp by JSS Hospital, Mysuru.

LIVE-STREAMING: Jathra Mahotsava events will be live-streamed on ***https://www.youtube.com/jssmahavidyapeethaonline***

Vocal concert on Jan. 23

Vid. Rajagopala *Vidu. Shruthi* *Vid. Sreedhar* *Vid. Ramesh*

Mysuru, Jan. 22- Vid. Rajagopala Bhagavathar will present a Karnataka classical vocal concert under the auspices of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, tomorrow (Jan. 23) at Sri Rama Mandira in Jayanagar at 6 pm.

Vid. Rajagopala Bhagavathar hails from a family of musicians who were also offering services to Lord Sri Krishna at Udupi. He is a disciple of Vid. H. Venkataramu and Vid. H.S. Sringeri Nagaraj and has performed in many places in the State.

He will be accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. P.S. Sreedhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

34 canine breeds steal show

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (MTY&BCT)- The 9th and 10th All India Championship Dog Show and 9th Show of Society for Indian Breeds of Dogs was organised by the Canine Club of Mysore, affiliated to Kennel Club of India) at Bharat Scouts & Guides Grounds, near the DC's Office this morning The show saw the participation of 434 dogs and there were many dogs who were brought to the venue just for the fun of it. Participants included those from Bengaluru, Mysuru, Ooty, Kodagu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Chennai and other places in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Various breeds, numbering about 34, including Saint Bernard, German Shepherd, Boxer, Doberman, French Mastiff, Great Dane, Miniature Pinscher, Miniature Schnauzer, American Staffordshire Terrier, Dachshund, Pomeranian, Beagle, Cocker Spaniel, Golden Retriever, Labrador, Chihuahua, French Bulldog, Pug, Shih Tzu, Mudhol Hound and Rajapalayam were on display. The breeds included those worth anywhere between Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 15 lakh.

Competitions are being held under different categories and interestingly, the dogs were brought from outstation destinations in huge vehicles like Tempo Travellers, Winger and SUVs complete with air-

conditioning facility and also cooling systems like ice cubes, fans and suitable food.

The Canine Club of Mysore had not organised the show since the last two years due to the COVID pandemic and according to Club President B.P. Manjunath, in 2019, the show attracted 230 entries and this time the number had gone up to 434, indicating the popularity of the show.

All the pets participating in the competition were microchipped and had documents pertaining to three generations as insisted by the organisers. Dogs were also sprayed with water every now and then to keep them cool.

Veterinary pharmaceutical companies and companies manufacturing pet foods, healthcare products and accessories such as soaps, dog foods, belts, collars and other accessories like shampoo, chains, belts, leash etc. had put up stalls at the venue.

The event will culminate with prize distribution at 8 pm. C.V. Sudarshan from Chennai and T. Preetham and Yashodhara Hemachandra from Bengaluru are the judges. The top 9 dogs will be selected as 'Best in Show.'

Leopard kills boy: Irate villagers block highway

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Since October last year, four persons have been killed by leopards in and around T. Narasipur and though the Forest Department have captured over 30 leopards in the Mysuru Division, T. Narasipur and its surrounding villages continue to bear the brunt of human-leopard conflict.

Villagers, shouting slogans, blocked the roads to express their anger against the Forest Department and termed the Department's efforts to capture leopards as eye-wash. "The Department officers come here and pose for media photos only when people die. We have been terrorised by the leopards for months and except for giving assurances and capturing one or two leopards, the Department officers have done nothing," Sannappa, a villager, told *Star of Mysore*.

Jayanth had ventured out of his house after dinner last night to buy biscuits from a nearby shop. As he did not return even at 8.30 pm, his parents got worried and began a search in neighbouring houses. A search party was constituted by the villagers who searched the route from Jayanth's house to the shop.

One of the villagers in the search team spotted blood stains on roadside twigs and alerted the villagers. The blood stains led to a bushy area. This morning, the half-eaten body of the boy was found at a distance of one kilometre from where the blood stains were found.

The Forest Department staff and officers, who came to the village late last night and this morning, had to face the wrath of the villagers. The villagers blocked the highway and demanded immediate capturing of the leopard and also compensation to the families of the leopard attack victims Siddamma and Jayanth.

Forest Department prepares pamphlet

The Forest Department has prepared a pamphlet and urged the public, especially women, elderly and children, not to venture out alone or go to fields after 6 pm. People have been advised not to go to the fields to defecate and avoid touching pet animals if the leopard has killed them. Phone numbers have been provided to the villagers in case they spot a leopard — **98457-72744, 99459-21926 or Forest Department Helpline 1926.**

Temporary camps

Meanwhile, the officers launched an operation to track the leopard which killed Siddamma and now Jayanth. The Dept. has established a temporary camp in the area and multiple teams are stationed there.

DFC D. Mahesh Kumar said that the images of the leopard are yet to be captured in the 15 camera traps that have been installed. Two cages have also been placed. The pug marks of a leopard were found about 500 metres from the spot where Siddamma was killed.

Since Oct. 31, 2022, four persons have been killed in T. Narasipur and surrounding villages. People of 40 villages heaved a sigh of relief when the leopard that killed two persons was finally trapped in a cage in the last week of December at Madgaralingayyanahundi (M.L. Hundi) after an intensive 22-day-and-night operation.

The leopard had attacked and killed Manjunath and Meghana, both students and had also attacked livestock and created terror in the region.

Meanwhile, Siddamma was cremated last afternoon. The Department announced ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh to Siddamma's family, the remaining Rs. 13 lakh will be paid by the State Government after completing formalities.

Capt. Gopinath inaugurates Mysuru Literary Fest

Capt. G.R. Gopinath lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Mysuru Literary Fest-2023 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city this morning as Mysore Literary Association Hon. Secretary Reginald Wesley, Executive Committee Member Prof. S. Dwarki, Vice-President Prof. B.N. Balajee, President Prof. K.C. Belliappa, Executive Committee Members K.C. Haridas and Prof. Nirmala Chandraprakash, Treasurer Chethan and former Registrar of University of Mysore A.K. Monnappa look on. Picture right shows Actor and Director Prakash Belawadi, his wife Chandrika Belawadi, Founder-Trustee of Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust Shubha Sanjay Urs, Actor and Educationalist Dr. Abhimanyu Acharya, writer Prof. H.S. Shivanna, Star of Mysore *and* Mysuru Mithra *Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, Advocate and AAP Leader Brijesh Kalappa among the audience at Mysuru Literary Fest.*

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"Even though most of the philosophers then did not believe in God, they were great believers in humanity. What's common among them was their overarching sentiment -- love and quest for the spirit," asserted Gopinath.

Delineating further, Gopinath said, "There are many short stories written by littérateurs like Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, Pu.Ti. Narasimhachar, D.L. Narasimhachar, B.M. Srikantaiah and Ti.Nam. Srikantaiah. They were orthodox in many ways but their humanity went beyond 'madivanthike' (orthodoxy). Kuvempu took 14 years to write 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam', but when there was a debate about how a layman can understand the tome, he wrote a prose on 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam'.

Humanity valued the most

Referring to the works of Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, Gopinath said that in his short stories, Masti has written about infidelity, 'kapata sanyasi' (wicked sanyasi) who befriends a woman and takes liberty and about the relationship between an orthodox man with a woman from different faith, with the message of humanity.

"Even the Vedas and Puranas, do not speak of caste, as is evident with the works of even Adi Kavi Pampa and Saint Kanakadasa whose famous call remains 'Kula Kulavendu Hodadadiri' (Do not fight in the name of caste)," he noted.

To substantiate further, Gopinath said 'The Principal Upanishads' written by a great philosopher like former President of India Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, which runs into 1,000 pages has references to Quran, Bible, Omar Khayyam and mathematician/philosopher Bertrand Russel.

"Their love for humanity and oneness expounded to a greater degree," felt Gopinath. Likewise, be it Kuvempu who gave a call for 'Vishwamanava' and 'Manujapatha' or D.V. Gundappa whose 'Mankuthimmana Kagga' are popular, they all were strong believers in humanity that was the essence of their literary trait, he added.

Hence, the modern Government must ensure harmony in the society so that- literature, music and flowers bloom on their own, he opined.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Prof. K.C. Belliappa, who is the President of Mysore Literary Association and presided over the inaugural session, recalled the genesis of Mysore Literary Association, which began in 2017. Vice-President of Mysore Literary Association Prof. B.N. Balajee, Honorary Secretary Reginald Wesley were present.

Star of Mysore Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, senior journalist Krishna Prasad, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Brijesh Kalappa, agri scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura, former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna, Mysuru Book Clubs Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs were prominent among the audience.

Day-long sessions

The inaugural session was followed by a session on 'The Maverick Maharaja' by Dr Deepti Navaratna, 'Playwriting- Sharing Space and Sharing Time' by actor and director Prakash Belawadi, 'Bhakti and Siddha'-Dimensions of Indian Poetry & Poetics- by poet and playwright Prof. H. S. Shivaprakash and 'Drama in Education and Education in Drama' by actor and educationist Abhimanyu Acharya.

'Sir Mirza Ismail had joined hands with Nalwadi in pro-people programmes'

Rotary Mysore Royal hosts Charity Show 'Impu-Kampu-Tampu'

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (SPN&DM)- Culture promoter Rtn. Dharmendra Kumar said that everyone should always remember the invaluable contributions of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for the development of the city and the State.

He was speaking at 'Impu-Kampu-Tampu,' a Charity Show to empower rural children, organised jointly by Rotary Mysore Royal and Kannada & Culture Department at Kalamandira here yesterday.

Pointing out that the establishment of University of Mysore, the first one in the State, Bengaluru's Minto Eye Hospital, PKTB Sanatorium at Mysuru and State Bank of Mysore (popularly known as Mysore Bank) must be credited to Nalwadi, Dharmendra Kumar said that Nalwadi took great pains for promoting agriculture,

Magician Magic Raj Bhat performing at 'Impu-Kampu-Tampu,' a Charity Show to empower rural children, at Kalamandira yesterday as dignitaries on the dais look on.

education, Co-operative Societies and the like.

Pointing out that Nalwadi must be credited for imparting education to all classes at an affordable cost, he said Nalwadi's initiatives helped women to access higher education.

Continuing, Dharmendra Kumar recalled that it was Sir Mirza Ismail's grandfather who built the structure now known as Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru. He said that the formation of areas such as Lakshmipuram, Chamarajapuram and Ashokapuram was also due to the efforts of Mirza Ismail.

Recalling the good rapport that Sir Mirza Ismail had with Nalwadi and other Mysuru Maharajas, he said that the contributions of Mirza Ismail as the Dewan of Mysore will stand forever in the minds of the people. Though some vested interests who were jealous of Mirza Ismail tried to dislodge him as Dewan of Mysore over a communal clash, the Maharajas thwarted all such efforts as they knew of the services of Sir Mirza Ismail, he added.

Earlier, the Titular head of the erstwhile Mysuru Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar inaugurated the programme by lighting a lamp.

Rotary Mysore Royal President Dhananjay, Secretary Hanumantha Rao, Singer Shobha Pallavi, Rekha Venkatesh, Triveni, Magician Magic Raj Bhat, Rotarian Krishna and others were present on the occasion.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

A doctor's prescription for the 'bed-ridden' Yeshasvini Scheme !

In my last article about the pitfalls of the **Yeshasvini** medical insurance scheme that has been relaunched by the State Government, I highlighted why it is bound to only become a dismal failure like many other such Government endeavours.

The main reason why it is destined to be unviable is the abysmally low tariff at which private hospitals, across the State, are expected to provide service to its beneficiaries. No hospital worth its salt can provide safe and quality care at the ludicrous rates prescribed by it, which I have already highlighted.

Added to this are many other factors, like the inordinately delayed payments which are the well-known bane of all Government transactions. All Governments, without any exceptions, are very quick in collecting what is due to them while being very tardy in handing out what they owe!

So, although the Government is painting an altogether fake optimistic picture, as things stand now, this scheme has almost no takers among the private health care providers, who are expected to provide more than eighty percent of the care under it, if it has to succeed in helping the public.

What statistics the Government is projecting now regarding the number of private hospitals that have already empanelled themselves under this scheme are completely false and fabricated. This has been done just to attract more hospitals to join the scheme and to give an impression to the masses that it will soon be doing something great to uplift their state of health, almost free of cost. There's nothing surprising in this as this kind of propaganda is a part of the strategy that goes into winning elections, with no political party being free from it.

With this being the sorry state of affairs, the future will only see patients holding their near useless Yeshasvini cards and running desperately from one hospital to another, seeking their acceptance and free treatment through them, in vain.

Yeshasvini
Urban Cooperators Health Care Scheme

With facts being what they are, the Yeshasvini scheme is now exactly like a bicycle without its front wheel. While a one wheeled cycle can be ridden very briefly, by a grinning circus clown to impress the gallery, it can never be used as a viable mode of public transport!

A usable bicycle necessarily should have two wheels, one of which is Government will and the other is private willingness. Take one away and the other is practically useless.

But if we put these two wheels together and keep the machine well oiled, the Yeshasvini scheme, like any other contraption, can become a very road-worthy and durable machine, that can be ridden over every kind of terrain, just because of its sheer simplicity and ruggedness.

So, let us examine what needs to be done if more private hospitals have to join this scheme and make it effective. Firstly, the rates payable to them for the various services provided and procedures done under this scheme need to be upgraded from ridiculous to reasonable. **The Government should form a high-power committee, comprising not only of its best officers but enough representatives of private hospitals and all their federations, that can sit across the table and decide upon the rates.**

The Government may say that it has already done this. But it is not really true. The couple of doctors which are now a part of this august body can never be called real representatives of the private health care providers. **They are doctors only by their qualifications, that have long stopped doing them any good in keeping them abreast of the ground realities of running successful hospitals.**

While our civil service bureaucrats may be considered very good by the Government and I do not dispute this fact, I emphasise that they alone are not enough to understand the technical intricacies involved in private healthcare management. So, what is so special about this sphere of activity, and how is it different from running any other hospitality enterprise, you may ask?

To understand this, you have to sit in the hot-seat, as an owner or partner of a private hospital and handle the complex array of ropes that control it. Here, it is not just about providing hospitality to hale and health individuals, as in a hotel or restaurant, but it is all about looking after every kind of need of the very sick, ailing and often completely helpless individuals, with extremely anxious relatives, whose expectations can naturally be very high.

Unlike other businesses that work during limited hours of the day or night, every hospital, big or small, has to run on full steam, round the clock, every day of the year. There are just no holidays for any class of workers here. It is a very well-known fact that on an average, for every in-patient bed, a hospital needs to have four staff members. This requirement alone doubles the manpower required to run the show, steeply escalating the costs. And, when you take into account the fact that one third of this work force comprises very highly qualified and experienced doctors, it only means that they should be paid their fees, commensurate with their roles.

Now, if a private hospital is required under the Yeshasvini scheme to perform an operation as major as a Caesarian section or an appendectomy or the removal of a diseased gall bladder, for an all-inclusive, paltry sum of about ten thousand rupees, how does it become possible? These rates which were silly enough then and which certainly look sillier still now, were fixed somewhere in the year 2004 when the original, but now completely dead Yeshasvini scheme was first launched. Where is 2004 and where is 2023?

The Yeshasvini rates have never been revised over the past nineteen years although the costs of every other thing have escalated manifolds, many times. **Let alone other commodities, let the Government look back at the march of the prices of electricity, petrol, diesel and the common man's cooking gas, all four of which are completely under its exclusive control and see how they compare with its fixation of costs under its own Yeshasvini scheme.**

Let it also examine the escalation in the salaries over nineteen years, for private sector employees, fixed under its own Minimum Wages Act. Can it call this a fair deal? I think not and I'm sure you'll agree with me too.

Private hospitals get no special concessions when it comes to the rates of procuring land from the Government or in the various taxes they pay and the commercial rates they pay for gas, water and electricity. They get no concessions in the interest rates they pay on their loans and get no subsidies whatsoever. In addition to increasing the Yeshasvini rates after consultation with private players, to attract them to participate in the scheme, let the Government also announce some attractive concessions in the rates of the aforementioned levies at least to all the participating hospitals.

And, let it also put in place a system by which the Yeshasvini service rates get automatically escalated at pre-agreed stipulated time intervals, in accordance with the rate of inflation and also ensure that it pays appropriate interest on all payments delayed beyond a stipulated period. Only after ensuring this, can the Government look forward to private hospitals extending their co-operation in its welfare schemes.

The Yeshasvini scheme in its present form, is only like a heavily decorated cake with no sugar, no nuts and no raisins inside. Let the Government put a little bit of these into its spartan package first, before inviting private hospitals to accept it. After all, it is rightly said that the proof of the pudding is in the eating !

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Cardiac health camp for elders on Jan. 26

Mysuru, Jan. 22 - The Elder Citizens Council, Mysuru, will conduct a cardiac health check up camp for its members, numbering around 600 (all senior citizens and super seniors) and their families on Jan. 26 (Thursday) at its premises 'Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana,' Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram.

Doctors of Narayana Hospital will coordinate with the Council. The health check up camp will start immediately after the Republic Day flag hoisting ceremony scheduled at 9 am at the Council premises. Members are requested to avail of this facility. For details, contact Mob: 98808-05994.

Students excel in Science contest

Mysuru, Jan. 22 - The students team of Vijaya Vitthala Vidyashala (VVVS), Saraswathipuram — V. Aditya, S. Sumadwa and S. Nandan Krishna — is among 350 teams selected for National-level 'ATL Marathon' conducted by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog.

They will be giving their presentation at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, on Feb.2 and 3. 'ATL Marathon 2022-23' is a flagship innovation challenge under AIM's Atal Tinkering Labs programme.

In the Science Exhibition conducted by Department of Education, VVVS students Dheeraj Rao, Pratham S. Bharadwaj and Sathvik Hegde have won first place in individual and group category at Taluk and District-level and were selected for State-level event held in January first week at Dharwad.

'Ride for Rotary' rally to arrive in city on Jan. 23

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (MTY&DM)- The 'Ride for Rotary' rally that was launched from Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu to create awareness on soil and water conservation will arrive in city on Jan. 23 (Monday).

Announcing this at a press meet here on Friday, Rotary Mysore North President Dr. Jagadish said that Rotary International had organised this vehicle rally from Mahabalipuram, in which about 40 Rotary members from different countries have taken part. The rally will be received in the city on the morning of Jan. 23, he said adding that upon arrival, the rallyists will visit St. Philomena's Church and Mysore Palace.

Rotary North office-bearers H.R. Keshav, K. Manjunath, S. Balachandra and Rajashekar Kadamba were present at the press meet.

Constable attempts suicide fearing disciplinary action

Chamarajanagar, Jan. 22- A Constable, fearing inquiry, reportedly attempted to commit suicide on Friday night in the Town.

Constable H.R. Mahesh, a native of Ramanahalli village in Hassan district and attached to Chamarajanagar Rural Police Station, is the one who attempted suicide and is out of danger.

Details: Seven Constables including Mahesh were transferred for dereliction of duty and an inquiry was ordered on them by Superintendent of Police (SP) T.P. Shivakumar. Mahesh was transferred to Hanur Police Station.

Depressed and fearing inquiry, Mahesh reportedly attempted suicide by setting himself on fire. He was immediately rushed to Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) with burns on his hand, chest and left thigh.

District Surgeon Dr. Krishnaprasad said that Mahesh was brought to CIMS on Friday night with burn injuries for treatment where the Surgeon on duty provided treatment.

Mahesh has been shifted to a Special Ward and is stable now, Dr. Krishnaprasad added.

Meanwhile, SP Shivakumar said that he received information that Constable Mahesh had attempted suicide on Friday night and immediately Dy.SP Priyadarshini Sanekoppa and Inspector rushed to the spot and conducted an inspection besides admitting Mahesh to the hospital.

Mahesh has stated that he attempted suicide over personal issues and Dy.SP has been instructed to conduct a thorough probe and submit a report, the SP added besides stating that there was no threat to Mahesh's life.

MCC Commissioner to address PC and PSI aspirants

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (SSM)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy will address and wish the PC and PSI aspirants at the free PC and PSI exam training camp organised by Jnanabuthi at Lakshmipuram Government High School and Composite PU College here on Jan. 25 at 6 pm.

Lakshmikantha Reddy

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) M.S. Geetha Prasanna will release the study material. Noted humorist and Orator Prof. M. Krishnegowda will preside. Mysuru Division Additional Regional Commissioner P. Shivaraju and Deputy Commissioner Office Project Director Ashad R. Shariff will be the special guests.

Dr. S. Nagachari, Dr. Umesh Bevinahalli, Dr. Palaniswamy Mudaguru, Prof. Honnaiah, Dr. E. Shiva Prasad and others will be present.

Six booked for trespassing into Bishop House

Mysuru, Jan. 22- Following an order from the 2nd JMFC Court, Lashkar Police have registered a case against six persons for trespassing into the old Bishop House on Mother Theresa Road in city.

Cases have been registered against Stephen Sujith of Sharadadevinagar, Marie Joseph of Lourdnagar, John Fernandes of Gandhinagar, Maria Francis of N.R. Mohalla, Ambrose George of Gandhinagar and Elvin of Ashokapuram.

According to the complaint lodged by Mysore Diocesan Society Secretary Fr. James Dominic (Complainant), the repairs and renovation works of the old Bishop House was given to Kristy Babu, who had deployed workers for the job. But on Jan. 4 at about 12 noon, when the workers were using an earth excavating machine for the repair works, the six accused barged into the old Bishop House, stopped the works and also threatened the workers against carrying out any works.

Later, the complainant approached the Court which directed the jurisdictional Lashkar Police to investigate and submit a report.

Following the Court order, Lashkar Police have registered a case against the six persons and are investigating.

Man jailed for harassing wife

Mysuru, Jan. 22- A man accused of harassing his wife has been sentenced to two years imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 by city's V Additional Senior Civil Judge (ASCJ) Court.

The man, who was convicted by the Court is Kumar, a resident of Ramakrishnanagar in city.

On Aug. 30, 2009, Kumar's wife had lodged a complaint at the Women's Police Station alleging that her husband used to come home drunk, assault her and threaten her with life.

The then Sub-Inspector Devamma, who had registered a case, conducted an investigation and had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge A.C. Dayanand Murthy, who heard the arguments from both sides on Jan. 16, 2023, found the accused guilty and sentenced him to two years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000. If Kumar fails to pay the fine, he has to undergo an additional six months simple imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 2,500.

Assistant Public Prosecutor G.J. Sandhya argued on behalf of the Government.

Protest staged against delayed road works at Gokulam

Mysuru, Jan. 22 (GA&TRR)- Condemning the unreasonable delay in the completion of road work by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), residents under the leadership of Corporator K.V. Sridhar staged a protest against MUDA officials near Trinetra Circle at Gokulam 3rd Stage in city yesterday.

The road work from Trinetra Circle to Water Tank at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage which is about 700 metres and started three months ago has come to a halt. Though the work was started on a fast pace, it was later put in cold storage after digging the road completely.

The protestors alleged that the public including residents, motorists and shopkeepers are going through hell because of the dust which could lead to severe respiratory problems.

Incidents of road mishaps on this road has become common, they said and added that though repeated representations to Corporation and MUDA officials were made, nothing was done in this regard.

When MUDA officials including Assistant Executive Engineer came to visit the spot for work inspection, the locals led by Corporator Sridhar protested against them and detained them for over two hours. The protest was withdrawn after higher MUDA Officials intervened and assured of taking up the works in 15 days.

Online fraudsters cheat elderly woman of Rs. 2 lakh

Mysuru, Jan. 22- An elderly woman has been cheated of over Rs. 2 lakh by miscreants in the guise of getting the Know Your Customer (KYC) form updated.

The woman, who was cheated is 76-year-old Geetha G. Krishna, wife of late T.H. Gopalakrishna and a resident of Chamarajapuram. On Jan. 16 at about 7 pm, Geetha received a message on her phone asking her to update her KYC form.

Geetha, while updating her KYC, received a One Time Password (OTP) to her phone and she called the number from which she had received the message and revealed the OTP to the receiver. Within seconds, a total of Rs. 2,01,289 was withdrawn from her Bank account.

A case has been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

Chain snatched in city

Mysuru, Jan. 22- Miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a woman, who was on her way to purchase vegetables. The incident took place on Netaji Nagar Main Road on Jan. 16.

The woman, who lost her 30 grams gold mangalya chain is 65-year-old Prabhamani.

She was on her way to the vegetable shop at about 6.30 pm, when a miscreant, who came in front of her, yanked off her gold chain and sat pillion on the bike with a rider nearby and fled from the spot.

A case has been registered at Alanahalli Police Station.

Obituary

Kandanda Shanthi Kuttappa

Mysuru, Jan. 22 - Kandanda Shanthi Kuttappa (Napaneravanda), wife of Dr. K.K. Kuttappa and a resident of No. 8, A Main, 10th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away in the wee hours of today at her residence. She was 87.

She leaves behind her husband, son Lt. Col. Ravi Ayappa, daughter Meera Madappa, daughter-in-law Lekha Ayappa, son-in-law Arvind, grandchildren, great grandchild and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

M. Nagabhushan Aradhya

M. Nagabhushan Aradhya (95), retired head master and a resident of Gangothri Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Dallalu village, Bilikere Hobli in Hunsur taluk, he leaves behind his wife Lalitambika, two sons including Maharani's College retired Kannada lecturer Mahesh Kumar, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds yesterday.

Henry

Henry (57), a former Railway employee and a football player for Indian Railways, passed away on Friday in city.

A resident of Lourdnagar in city, he leaves behind his wife, two sons, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the Christian Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road yesterday.

WORD OF THE DAY

Countenance

Pronunciation: KKOWN-tun-unss.
Meaning: Countenance is a formal word that is most often used to refer to a person's facial expression, or to face generally, especially as an indication of mood, emotion, or character.
Origin: The countenance familiar to modern speakers does not bear an obvious resemblance to its Latin root continēre, meaning "to hold together" (a root it shares with contain). But the path between continēre and countenance becomes clearer when we think of the figurative "holding together" present in the idea of restraint. When countenance was first used in English (having travelled from Latin through Anglo-French) it referred to a person's appearance or behavior — their demeanor — which is a product of restraint, or the lack thereof. And from "demeanor" it was just a hop, skip, and a jump to "facial expression." A few centuries after that development, in the late 16th century, countenance faced a new task head-on — use as a verb meaning "to extend approval or toleration to."

THE ODD WORD

Caffoy

Velvety fabric.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Caught in a cleft stick

Meaning: In a position where advance and retreat are both impossible.
Origin: When we cleave something we split it into two pieces. It is then said to be 'cleft' or 'cloven'. These archaic-sounding words aren't commonly used alone and only persist in phrases like 'cleft-palate', 'cloven-hoofed' and 'in a cleft stick'. Cleft sticks are those which are split at one end, that is, forked sticks and they were used as simple tools for carrying small items such as bundles of paper or candles. Jonathan Swift makes a reference to such in his 'Directions to Servants' in Works, circa 1745: "You may conveniently stick your candle in a bottle, or with a lump of butter against the wainscot, in a powder-horn, or in an old shoe, or in a cleft stick." Swift's use, although hardly serious, is a literal one and doesn't suggest the figurative use, which is first recorded in the correspondence in William Cowper's Works, 1782: "We are squeezed to death, between two sides of that sort of alternative which is commonly called a cleft stick." As is so often the case, there is more than one theory that purports to explain this. Theory One has it that cleft sticks were used to capture snakes, pinning them to the ground so that they were unable to move. Theory Two suggests that cleft pegs were used to punish over-talkative women, pinching their tongues so that they were unable to speak.

QUOTE BOX

We can do anything we want to if we stick to it long enough.

—Helen Keller

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

MILLENOTNNIUM

Answer: Not in a thousand years.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Small, blood-sucking insect
5 Part of the ear
9 Pulse Repetition Frequency
12 Avatar of Vishnu
13 African antelope
14 Apply friction
15 Seed appendage
16 Showing signs of stress
18 Bathroom fixture
20 Goes astray
21 Biblical skipper
24 Uses a keyboard
27 Got control or dominated
31 Age or eon
32 Literary work
33 Anger
34 Hotshots
35 Nintendo's gaming console
36 Undersea kingdom
38 Malaysian dish
41 A metal
42 Elderly or old
44 Prickly shrub
48 Blood clot
52 Medley or mixture of sorts
53 Actor Kilmer
54 Load cargo
55 An opening to let in air
56 Organ of sight
57 Defamatory statement
58 Skywalker mentor

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

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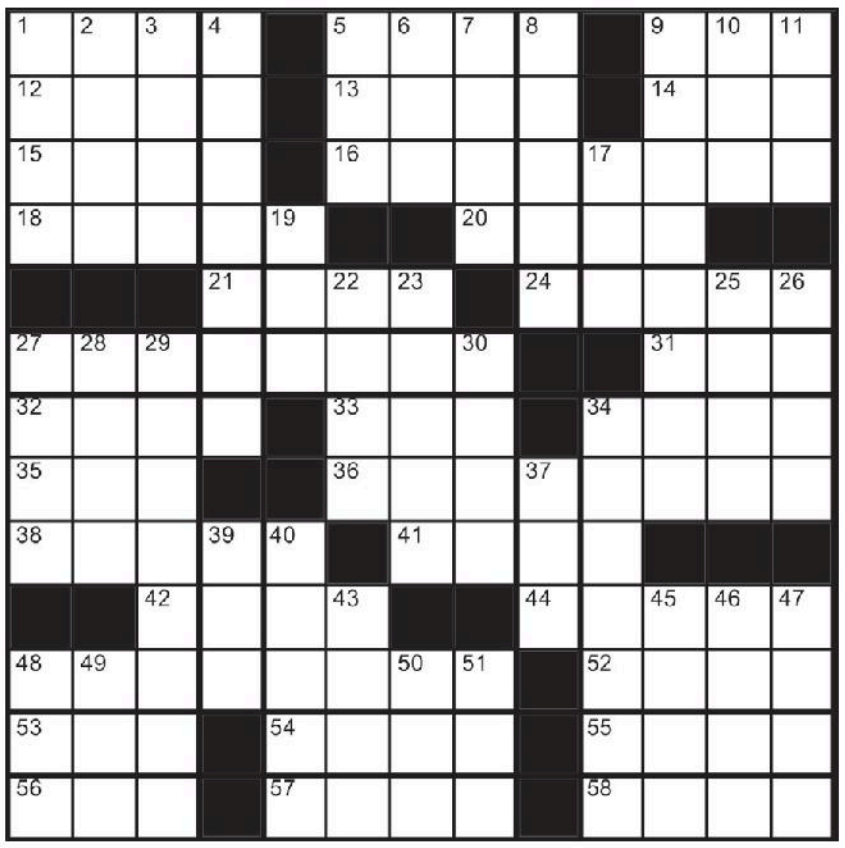
DOWN

1 Snatch or seize
2 Ex-India cricket captain Contractor
3 In the company of or in the middle of
4 Natural skills
5 Line of Control, acronym
6 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
7 A cow-shed
8 Use energy
9 Outlook or perceptive
10 Robot drama by Karel Capek
11 Fly-by-night
17 Lopsided
19 Digit afoot?
22 Operatic solo
23 Unit of frequency
25 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
26 Cheek
27 Cuts down
28 Samoan seaport
29 Proper
30 Food store in short?
34 Small fish of the herring family
37 A busy insect
39 Previously
40 Shouts
43 Clock face
45 Bread spread
46 Cheese skin
47 ___ bene: note well; take notice?
48 Conductor Queler
49 Permit or allow
50 Satellite Data Unit, abbr.
51 'Sea' in French



SUDOKU

6	7			3			2	4
		2	6		9	8		
7		4				1		9
8				9				6
9		5				3		2
		6	2		8	5		
1	9			5			4	3

Answer to previous puzzle

6	3	4	8	1	9	7	2	5
2	9	8	6	7	5	4	1	3
1	7	5	4	2	3	9	6	8
9	1	2	3	6	7	5	8	4
4	8	6	5	9	2	3	7	1
7	5	3	1	4	8	6	9	2
5	2	7	9	8	4	1	3	6
3	6	9	2	5	1	8	4	7
8	4	1	7	3	6	2	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GD EFT BQNC Q YQUMCA QAM Q PGKUQUE,

EFT BQNC CNCUEHBGAY EFT ACCM.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Thursday's Cryptoquip: The wisest mind has something yet to learn.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Baby Missing (K) - 2 Shows; Love Story 1998 (K) - 2 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Waltair Veerayya (Te) - 2 Shows; Varisu (Ta) - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Thunivu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Godfather (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Thunivu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** **Ph: 2452958**
  Thunivu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Varisu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Veera Simha Reddy (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Ph: 2497199**
  Waltair Veerayya (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Orchestra Mysuru (K)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Puss in Boots: Last wish (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.20 am, 5.10 pm
		7.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Avatar: Way of Water (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Ayisha (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Kakipada (Ma)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Walter Veerayya (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Varisu (Ta)	(S-2)	7.00 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	12.50 pm, 4.05 pm
Hushar (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am
Vedha (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm; (S-4) 7.20, 10.10 pm
Nanpakal Nerathu Mayakkam (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Avatar: The Way of Water (K-3D)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Varisu (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.45 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	:	1.30 pm, 4.45 pm
		9.00 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 7.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Varisu (Ta)	:	11.05 am, 2.55 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	:	11.45 am, 2.15 pm, 4.45 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	:	11.50 am, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Veera Simha Reddy (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 6.20 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	:	12.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Plane (E)	:	12.45 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Ayisha (Ma)	:	3.40 pm
M3gan (E)	:	3.55 pm
Vedha (K)	:	6.55 pm
Nanpakal Nerathu Mayakkam (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Varisu (Ta)	:	11.05 am, 6.30 pm, 10:00 pm
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	:	11.30am, 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	:	12 noon, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Baby Missing (K)	:	12.10 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm
Vedha (K)	:	2.45 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	:	3.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Hushar (K)	:	6.05 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465

Varisu (Ta)	(S-1)	3.45 pm; (S-3) 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	11.00 am, 5.35 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	7.10 pm; (S-2) 2.25 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	(S-2)	9 pm; (S-3) 10 am, 4.15 pm
Walatair Veerayya (Te)	(S-1)	10.10 am
	(S-3)	1.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 4.50 pm 7.05 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 9.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Varisu (Ta)	(S-1)	10.00 am
Varisu (Ta - with atmos)	(S-2)	3.25 pm, 10.00 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	(S-1)	4.15 pm; (S-3) 10.20 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.05 am (*with atmos*)
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.05 am, 1.20 pm, 3.35 pm
		5.50 pm, 8.05 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-2)	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm
Hushar (K)	(S-4)	2.15 pm
Baby Missing (K)	(S-4)	5.20 pm
Ayisha (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 pm
Nen Pakal Nerathu Nayakam (Ma)	(S-4)	7.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 22)

- **Sirigannada Vedike, State Committee:** 'Rasaramayana - Sundarakanda: Ondu Kruti - Halavu Nota,' a deliberation programme, retd. Principal and writer Dr. Sudha Ramesh and retd. Engineer and amateur writer K. Ramesh will inaugurate, Namana Kalamantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **3.30 pm.** [Mob: 78291-74806; 94802-25922]
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 18th Nirantara Kalemane Festival, 2nd Sri Purandaradasa & Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana Nritya Mahotsava and Sri Purandara Thyagaraja Kalemane National Award Ceremony - 2023, Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru, chief guest, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **3.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi, Mysuru:** Day-long event of 'Bhakti Sangeetotsava' and 'Goshti Gayana' as part of Purandaradasa and Thyagaraja Aaradhana, Santa Vani by Shanthala Vattam and others, **4.15 pm;** Compositions of Bhadrachala Ramadas and Annamacharya by Lakshmi and team, **5.15 pm;** Thiruppavai Thirupugal Gayana by M.A. Jyothi and team, **6 pm;** Compositions of Kanakadasa by N. Srinath and team, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6.45 pm.**
- **Gaanalahari:** Musical Nite of hit songs from Kannada, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu films, Jaganmohan Palace, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Maheshatmanandaji speaks on 'Satya,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Jnaana Yagna, Chanting of Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** discourse in Kannada on 'Narada Bhakti Sutra' by Swami Krutaatmanandaji, Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi, 6th Main, III Stage, Gokulam, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Tripurana,' written by Manoj, directed by Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 72595-37777 or 94804-68327]
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** 30th anniversary celebrations, National Theatre Festival, Sufi Songs by Film and Theatre Music Director Ramachandra Hadapada, **6 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Chora Purana' by Abhijna, Bengaluru, written by Siddagangaiah, directed by Manjunath L. Badigera, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 23)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple Trust, Tyagaraja Road:** Guddali Puja for renovation of heritage building behind Temple, Abhisheka to Sri Venugopalaswamy, **9.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **10.45 am;** MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar performs Guddali Puja, MLA S.A. Ramdas chief guest, Corporator B.V. Manjunath will be present, Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple Trust President G.S. Sridharraj Urs presides, Temple premises, **11 am.**
- **College of Horticulture (COH), Mysuru:** 'Kreeda Sambhrama,' 13th Inter-Collegiate Games-2022, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, UHSB VC Dr. K.M. Indiresh presides, Horticulture (Mysuru Division) Joint Director Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, DYES (Mysuru) Asst. Director Rohith Gangadhar and University of Mysore Physical Education Department Professor Dr. C. Venkatesh chief guests, College playground, Yelwal, **10 am.** [Ph: 0821-2970413 or Mob: 9449872870]
- **Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), DoS in Commerce, Vidyavardhaka FGC, PG Centre:** Induction programme for first year M.Com students 2022-23, Collegiate Education Joint Director Dr. M.S. Giridhar Rao chief guest, VVS Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, VVS Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and VVFGC CMC Chairman guests ofhonour, P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **10 am.**
- **Indian Science Congress Association, Bengaluru Chapter and Basudev Somani College, Mysuru:** National Conference on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development with Empowerment, Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Saxena, General President, ISCA, Co-ordinator-Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility Centre of DBT, deliver inaugural address; Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Immediate Past President, ISCA and former VC, University of Mysore, delivers keynote address; Dr. Sharanapa V. Halse, VC, KSOU, chief guest, Prof. H. Rajashekar, Acting VC, University of Mysore, delivers presidential address; Dr. Ashok Kumar Saxena, former General President, Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, releases souvenir; Dr. M. Puttaswamy, Chairman, IOET (Institute Of Education Trust), Basudev Somani College and Sheo Sathya Prakash, Treasurer, Indian Science Congress Association, Patna, guests of honour; Dr. Gangadhar, Convenor, ISCA, Bengaluru Chapter and former General Secretary (Membership Affairs ISCA) and Kuber P. Gowda, Secretary Managing Trustee, IOET, Basudev Somani College - Organising Secretaries; Prof. S. Srikantaswamy Co-ordinator, M.Tech in Materials Science, University of Mysore - Convenor of Conference, Basudev Somani College auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Rajya Kayaka Samajagala Okkuta, Bengaluru:** State Representatives Conference & releasing of Prof. P.V. Nanjaraj Urs' book 'Hongirana,' Sri Shivasujnana Swamiji, Sri Jnana Prakash Swamiji and Sri Veera Madiwala Basava Machideva Swamiji will grace the occasion, retd. Kuvempu University VC Dr. P. Venkataramaiah inaugurates, ex-MLC K.C. Puttasiddashetty presides, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru main speaker, social worker Nanjundaswamy chief guest, Institution of Engineers, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Chamaraja Constituency, Mysuru:** Endowment Programme, Fansy Dress as Sharanas and Speech Competition for students, ADC P. Shivaraj inaugurates, lecture on 'Vachana Sahityadalli Jeeva Moulyagalu' by retd. AEE Prof. B.S. Nagabushan, Supreme Educational Institution Founder-President Dr. M.L. Ravindraswamy distributes prizes, Supreme Public School Principal Dr. Gunavati will be present, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Supreme Public School, Kanakadasanagar, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **University College of Fine Arts (UCFA), Mysuru:** Lecture-Demonstration on 'Karnataka Nritya Parampara and Special Compositions of the Kolar Sampradaya' by Nritya Gaana Academy of Performing Arts (B'luru) Director Guru Vidushi Padmini Sreedhar, UCFA Principal Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs and Head of the Department of Dance Dr. K. Kumar will be present, UCFA premises, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Rashtra Bharati Charitable Trust:** Parakram Divas, blood donation camp, Madhava Krupa, Lakshmipuram, **2 pm.** [Mob: 99168-21631 or 96638-82250]

Special lecture and essay competition

Mysuru, Jan. 22- As part of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has organised a special lecture and essay contest at KSOU premises tomorrow (Jan. 23) at 11.30 am.

Dr. G.B. Harish, writer and Immediate Past President of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Vietnam, will inaugurate and deliver lecture on Netaji.

KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase will preside. KSOU Registrar Prof. KLN Murthy and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary celebrations Nodal Officer Dr. P. Manjunath will be present.

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